

ITABASHI ET AL.  
Appl. No. 10/565,960  
April 6, 2006

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-13 are pending subsequent to entry of this Amendment. The claims have been amended to delete multiple dependencies.

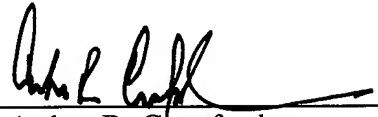
An English language version of the subject application is attached.

An early and favorable Action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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